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Since the introduction of the Approved Enterprises (Concessions) Act in 1956 more than 200 projects have been classified as approved enterprises. Most of these are concentrated in the Greater Khartoum Area. The largest industrial area is the heavy industries area of Khartoum North. It is quite suitable from many aspects viz availability of cheap water and electricity, good roads and railway sidings. Its main disadvantage, however, lies in the absolute flatness of the area which makes the disposal of affluents quite a problem, the satisfactory solution of which calls for lots of expenses. Shortly, however, a sewage system will be made and connected to the main system of the town. Khartoum North area is by far the best organized one and it can be said that the majority of industries is concentrated in this area. The number of industries located outside Khartoum Province is considerably small.

The Government is now trying to make use of all raw material resources in the different parts of the country, especially in the South. This was not possible in the past because some factors stood in the way of full utilisation of these resources. These factors are :-

1) Distance and lack of easy communication

2) Lack of skilled labour

3) Lack of capital and technical know-how

4) Lack of cheap power

Fortunately, with the economic development that took place in the North and the attitute of Sudan Government towards the development of the South, which contains resources of raw material, that have not been tapped, and its policy towards the industrialisation of the whole country, most of these factors are now easier to overcome.

The problem of communication will no longer be a major obstacle to industrial development as the extension of Sudan Railways system to the South has now reached Wau a fact which puts the Southern Sudan within easy reach.

The difficulty of finding skilled labour will be lessened as a result of the increase in technical and vocational training.

For the development of industries in other parts of the country, attention has been drawn to the utilisation of potential water power at Sennar Dam. Roseires Dam and Khashm El Girba Dam. As for the first, it is expected to be operated in November of this year.

However, in a few years to come electric power will be quite available and can cater for the increasing demand of the growing industries. Measures taken by the Government in the Seven Years Plan for extension of railway lines, improvement of roads and the establishment of centres and technical schools for training of workers, all these will contribute towards the diffusion of industry in the country.

To sum up, plant location is considered one of the most important factors determining the success of an industry. By choosing and planning the best locality on an economical basis, one could be sure of the smooth running of a factory. This is of course, as long as other factors are favourable.

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